

As a former teacher and Head Start coordinator, I fully understand the importance of all proposals that extend the reach of education among the youth of our country. In Fiscal Year 2010, I requested funding for the African-American Male Achievers Network to provide students access to year-round technology enrichment activities and opportunities to explore STEM related education and career paths. This funding has the potential to increase academic achievement of inner city students and decrease gang involvement and community violence. Furthermore, innovation is key to our economic competitiveness in the World. Under current trends, by the year 2010, more than 90 percent of engineers and scientists will be living outside of the U.S. and currently more than 50 percent of all engineering doctoral degrees awarded by American engineering colleges are to foreign nationals. We have a pressing need to cultivate the next generation of science and mathematically oriented Americans by providing them access to the vast resources that our federal agencies can provide.

Madam Speaker, this measure is quite important to the future of our great country and I'm pleased to add my voice in support for this legislation. I plan to work with my colleagues to ensure that future American engineers and scientists have the resources have the capability and resources to innovate and create technologies.

**WORLD ELDER ABUSE  
AWARENESS DAY**

**HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the important work being done in Connecticut to bring attention to the problem of elder abuse, and to ask that all of my colleagues join the national observance of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15th.

Older adults are our parents and neighbors and friends—the grown-ups who cared for us when we were young and once protected us from harm. Now, we can help them live safely and with dignity. Sadly, elder abuse and neglect happens all too frequently in America. Elder abuse can be financial, sexual, emotional, and neglect; and it is not always intentional. It can happen in any kind of home. Sometimes abuse is the unintended action of an overwhelmed family member. Sometimes it is out of anger. Never is it deserved. Only one out of five cases is ever reported, and awareness of the problem is our first line of defense.

In Connecticut's Third District, The Coalition for the Advocacy, Prevention and Elimination of Older Adult Abuse (CAPE), is working to bring this hidden crisis into the light. They began a little over a year ago with a grant from the National Committee for the Prevention of Elder Abuse. CAPE is led by The Center for Elder Abuse Prevention at The Jewish Home for the Elderly and the Southwestern Area Agency on Aging. Today, the partnership has earned the generous support of The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Funding Partnerships and many local funders including The Fairfield County Community Foundation

and The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation. These resources allow The Center to help victims who cannot stay at a domestic violence shelter, because of physical or cognitive issues that occur in late-life, find a safe temporary place to live, where their special needs can be met and the healing can begin.

On June 15th, CAPE will be holding a World Elder Abuse Awareness Day event at the Jewish Home for the Elderly in Fairfield. I commend their efforts to ensure that my constituents know how to spot the signs that a friend or loved one may be the victim of abuse, and where they can go for help. And I encourage my colleagues to contact me to learn more about elder abuse and become part of the solution in their communities.

Again, I commend the work of The Center and CAPE. Ending elder abuse begins by making every day World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

**CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON MEN'S CREW TEAM**

**HON. JIM McDERMOTT**

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, I would like to submit the following:

University of Washington Men's Rowing Team and Honored Guests,

I write to give my hearty congratulations to the University of Washington's men's rowing team for earning their 12th varsity eight national championship, the 107th IRA Regatta, and sweeping the eights on the way to a historic four golds and five medals overall.

This astounding overall performance was capped by a thrilling come-from-behind victory over arch-rival California and I would like to take this time to commend the varsity rowers on their fine performance. Heath Allen, Aljosa Corovic, Will Crothers, Steve Full, Rob Gibson, Jesse Johnson, Max Lang, Katelin Snyder, and David Worley have earned my utmost admiration, as have all the members of the University of Washington's rowing team, down to the last rower in the boathouse.

What makes this victory so impressive is the volume of dominance exhibited by this extremely deep team. The varsity eight winning gold is an impressive feat in itself, but to sweep the eights is the highest testament to the dedication of the team and the culture of hard work and determination established by Coach Bob Ernst.

Since 1903, when the University of Washington first participated in intercollegiate rowing, our crews have established themselves as the toughest and most determined crews in the country. This year's crews have continued that tradition by emphatically putting the "gold" back in the purple and gold.

I am extremely proud to represent you in Congress and I know that with the foundation of hard work instilled in these young rowers by their coach and the University of Washington, there are no limits to what they will go on to accomplish in life.

MARIAH MCCORMICK

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Mariah McCormick who has received the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Mariah McCormick is a senior at Pomona High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Mariah McCormick is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential that students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Mariah McCormick for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication she has shown in her academic career to her future accomplishments.

**HONORING GRANT TUCEK FOR HIS APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY**

**HON. PHIL GINGREY**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 9, 2009*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a young man from Georgia's 11th Congressional District who has distinguished himself as an excellent student and leader and has committed to serving his country. I am proud to announce that Grant Tucek from Powder Springs, Georgia has received appointments to both the United States Military Academy and the United States Naval Academy and will enter the Military Academy this year. Grant attends Harrison High School where he has a 4.22 grade point average and is a member of the National Honor Society and the National Beta Club. Grant is also in the top 5% of all foreign language students. Despite Grant's heavy focus on academics, he has remained very active in extracurricular activities. During High School, Grant has participated in the Navy JROTC, where he has served as Company Executive Officer, Orienteering Team Commander, and as a member of the Rifle Team. He was also honored with the American Legion Military medal.

Grant has also contributed to the arts and athletics at Harrison High School, playing trumpet in the Symphonic Band and running on Harrison's track and field team. Grant Tucek is an incredibly well-rounded young man, and I am honored to have the privilege to nominate him for an appointment to the U.S. Military Academy. I want to take this time to congratulate Grant as well as his parents, Wayne and Denise Tucek, for his accomplishments. It is because of dedicated young people like Grant that America has the finest military in the world. Our Nation is fortunate to have his service.